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1. A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE BY RAJENDRA PRABHU IN THE JULY 26
"HINDUSTAN TIMES" DETAILS THE STRICT SAFEGUARDS WHICH
WERE IMPOSED ON THE RAJASTHAN ATOMIC POWER PROJECT
(RAPP) BY THE IAEA AS THE CONDITION FOR THE SOVIET UNION
AGREEING TO SUPPLY HEAVY WATER. AS OTHER PRESS REPORTS
HAVE DONE, PRABHU QUOTES FROM SECTION 2 OF THE IAEA
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AS EVIDENCE THAT IT COMPRISES THE
LATEST AND STIFFEST TERMS OF ANY SUCH SUPPLY AGREEMENT.
ONE PROVISIO, TO THE EFFECT THAT INDIA WILL NOT USE
ANY MATERIAL PRODUCED AT RAPP FOR ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE., EVEN FOR PEACEFUL PRUPOSES, WAS THE SUBJECT
OF A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION LAST WEEK (SEE REFTEL).
PRABHU GOES ON TO ENUMERATE OTHER SAFEGUARDS ON THE
USE OF SOVIET HEAVY WATER AT RAPP:

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(A) INDIA MUST SUBMIT THE ENTIRE RAPP PLANT AND ANY
OTHER INSTALLATIONS USING MATERIAL FROM THE PLANT TO
INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION.

(B) INDIA MUST NOTIFY THE IAEA IN COMPLETE DETAIL OF
THE RECEIPT OF THE SOVIET HEAVY WATER.

(C) INDIA MAY NOT TRANSFER THE SOVIET HEAVY WATER OR ANY MATERIAL PRODUCED AT RAPP THROUGH THE USE OF THAT WATER TO A THIRD PARTY WITHOUT IAEA PERMISSION. IN ADDITION, INDIA MUST INFORM AND OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE IAEA IF MATERIAL PRODUCED AT RAPP IS TRANSFERRED TO ANY OTHER INSTALLATION WITHIN INDIA.

2. PRABHU NOTES THAT THESE STIFF IAEA TERMS MAY BE AMONG THE REASONS WHY THE GOI HAS NOT YET OPENED THE CONSIGNMENT OF SOVIET HEAVY WATER. HE ALSO OBSERVES THAT THE FEAR THAT A SIMILAR AGREEMENT COULD BE IMPOSED ON INDIA BY THE UNITED STATES MAY BE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE GOI HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S OFFER TO SUPPLY HEAVY WATER TO REPLACE THAT WHICH WAS LOST AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION AT THE BARODA HEAVY WATER PLANT.

3. THE ARTICLE ALSO CARRIES A QUOTE FROM A REPORTED COVERING MEMORANDUM FROM THE IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE AGREEMENT THAT: "THE STATION WILL REMAIN UNDER SAFEGUARDS EVEN IF THE SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER IS REMOVED FROM THE STATION OR CONSUMED."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL TERMS OF THE IAEA UNCLASSIFIED

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SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ON SOVIET HEAVY WATER HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS BEFORE, THIS ARTICLE IS THE MOST PROMINENTLY PLACED AND DETAILED ONE YET. GOHEEN

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